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Photoplay in six reels

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Synopsis of THE NIGHT ROSE ©CIL 17040 OCT -5 1921

At the San Francisco home in which Georgia Rodman lives happily with her mother and sister, Jimmy Halloran calls to take Georgia to the theatre. After the theatre, Jimmy and Georgia go to the Blue Jay café for their first glimpse of night life. At once of the tables Jimmy recognizes "Red" O'Rourke, who he thinks is his friend because "Red" helped him get his first job. O'Rourke, the boss of a corrupt political machine, temporarily out of power, is attracted by Georgia Rodman. When a crook who is dodging the police comes into the café, O'Rourke tells him to sit at the same table with Jimmy and find out who the girl is. The police enter the café, recognize the crook, go after him. There is a fight and the crook shoots and kills an officer. Jimmy and Georgia are held because they were sitting at the same table with the crook.

When Georgia comes home, her mother refuses to believe her as innocent as she should be, and Georgia, disowned, leaves the house and goes to Jimmy. Jimmy takes her to his "friend", O'Rourke. O'Rourke urges them to postpone their intended marriage because a warrant is to be sworn out for Jimmy. He will provide a room and a hiding place for Georgia, and he advises her to go out only at night and then to wear a veil. This is the origin of her title, The Night Rose.

Steven Graham, the assistant district attorney, is working to uncover O'Rourke's criminality. He suspects O'Rourke of being involved in the disappearance of Georgia Rodman, and calls on Georgia's mother and sister to get all the data. Meanwhile, O'Rourke's attentions to Georgia rouse the jealousy of Sally Monroe, a woman of the underworld who is passionately in love with him. Jim Garrison, a booklegger in league with O'Rourke, is captured by Graham and put through the third degree. O'Rourke decides that Graham must be put out of the way.

Meanwhile, preparations are made for O'Rourke's annual ball. He casts off Sally, who warns him that she will not let him ruin any more women. O'Rourke asks Jimmy to go to Black Mike's café on the night of the ball and watch Graham receive a bribe. The boss then sends for "Bill", his best gunman, and gives him instructions to shoot Jimmy at Black Mike's. Black Mike himself is to shoot Graham at the same time. Graham now has an added interest in the search for Georgia because he has fallen in love with her sister. By a clever ruse Graham is led to suppose that he can trap O'Rourke and Garrison at Black Mike's, and so he is tricked into going to the café.

O'Rourke tells Sally that Jimmy will get his tonight at Black Mike's. In a passion of jealous hatred Sally goes to warn Jimmy. Bill, fearing that Jimmy may escape, shoots him before the set time. Black Mike aims at Graham, but he is seized by plainclothesmen before he can fire. Jimmy is laid, apparently dying, on a couch. Sally tells Georgia that it is all the work of O'Rourke. Meanwhile Graham and his men go to the ball to arrest O'Rourke, since Black Mike has "squealed".

When Jimmy collapses apparently dead in Georgia's arms, she discovers in his pocket the revolver that O'Rourke had given him. She takes it, and goes to seek revenge. She puts on the dress that O'Rourke had given her as a wedding present, and goes to the ball. Meanwhile Jimmy has recovered consciousness and has been taken away to a hospital in an ambulance. The ball is at its height when Georgia arrives. Startled when he sees Graham, O'Rourke forgets his enemy when Georgia appears. He chooses her as his partner. In the middle of the dance, she says she would like to say a few words to his friends. They all gather about her. Announcing that O'Rourke is the murderer of the man she loves, Georgia takes the revolver and raises it to shoot the boss. Before she can shoot Sally rushes up and grasps the pistol. "Not you!" she cries. "He will not wreck another woman's life". With these words she shoots and kills O'Rourke. Graham carries Georgia fainting from the hall.

At the peaceful home of the Rodmans, Georgia is reunited with her mother and sister, and while Graham takes her sister in his arms, Georgia finds Jimmy, alive and safe, recovering from his wound. They have come safely through their terrible experience.

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